

6. (amended) The sheet according to claim 1 wherein a portion of the silicone band is larger than said glue or adhesive tape strip, and can be folded outwardly during bonding, said portion of the silicone band larger than the glue or adhesive tape strip being the uncoupled portion.

8. (amended) A method for aligning rectangular sheets to be permanently bound comprising (i) placing the sheets in a device that provides at least two adjacent projecting sides oriented at a 90 degree angle to each other and (ii) apposing the edges of the sheets with the

projecting sides of the device so that the corners of the sheets fitting within the edges of the device are superimposed .

9. (amended) A device for use according to claim 8, which further provides a silicone zone in an area corresponding to the glue or adhesive tape strip of the sheets, wherein the zone prevents attachment of a sheet to the device during binding.

10. (amended) An adhesive band to permanently bind loose sheets comprising a releasable silicone material support, having a substantially elongated shape alternately providing on one side portions provided with cold activated glue and shorter portions without glue.

11. (amended) The adhesive band according to claim 10 wherein the band is continuous and comprises sections which each comprise a portion provided with cold activated glue and a shorter portion without glue, and having, at the end of each section a feature selected from the group consisting of a cut facilitation, a breaking line, an optical signal and a mechanical signal to indicate a cutting point.

12. (amended) The adhesive band according to claim 10, wherein the function of the portion without glue is to provide the opportunity for an easy removal of the silicone support which after the application of the glue on the sheet has the function of preventing undesired adhesion prior to binding.

13. (amended) The adhesive band according to claim 10 wherein said band is wounded, the outer surface of the support band being preferably refractory to the glue.

14. (amended) The adhesive band according to claim 10 wherein the glue-providing portions have glue on two surfaces, one of which is destined to adhere to the sheet to be bound, the second one being destined to adhere to the sheet that during the binding will be coupled to the sheet providing the band.